

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/370,152

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to After Final Amendment made on 1/18/05.2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 6,8,10-16,18 and 20-22.3. The drawings filed on 09 August 1999 and 21 June 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a) All b) Some* c) None of the:1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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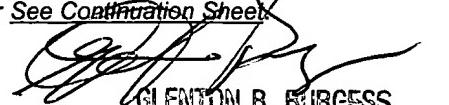
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.**Attachment(s)**

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20050214
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other See Continuation Sheet



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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on January 18, 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been entered.

Claims 6, 8, 13, and 18, have been amended and are presented for further examination. Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 17, 19, and 23-45 have been cancelled.

Claims 6, 8, 10-16, 18, and 20-22 are presented.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because 37 C.F.R 1.78(b) indicates, "The abstract in an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 may not exceed 150 words in length. The purpose of the abstract is to enable the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and gist of the technical disclosure." The current abstract exceeds 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b). In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on August 9, 1999 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner has considered the information disclosure statement.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6, 8, 10-16, 18, and 20-22 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita Choudhary whose telephone number is (703) 305-5268. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached on (703) 305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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